

**REMARKS**

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/946,965 filed October 8, 1997.

Claims 1 - 4, 6 - 40 and 42 - 94 are presented for examination in the instant application.

Claims 1, 31, 37, 64, 68 and 81 are the independent claims.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits, which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$618.00** and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 11-0600**.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4263 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **MARKED-UP PARAGRAPHS**

On page 14, second full paragraph bridging lines 13 through 22, please rewrite as follows:

“ POTS/Packet Bridge 140 is interconnected with both POTS network 110 and packet network 120. Communication through packet network 120 is obtained via one or more TCP/IP connections, one such TCP/IP connection being shown illustratively as 141. POTS/Packet Bridge 140 is also connected to POTS network 110 through one or more connections 142 carrying voice grade signals. Methods for connecting POTS voice grade signals to the POTS/Packet Bridge 140 in accordance with the intent of the present invention will be evident to those skilled in the art.”